Rothgeb Cited

D. C. Stables, Jr., Farmville District Manager for Virginia and Power Company congratulates U. O. "Rock" Rothgeb, right, of Appomattox upon his announced retirement after 26 years with the company. Rothgeb will retire Dec. 31.

U. O. "Rock" Rothgeb, Serviceman for the Virginia Electric and Power Company in the Appomattox area for the past 26 years, will retire at the end of December.

Mr. Rothgeb and his wife were honored at a dinner in Farmville on December 13 attended by a large group of his fellow Vepco employees in the Farmville District. Citing Mr. Rothgeb for his many years of faithful service, D. C. Stables, Jr., Farmville District Manager, commented, "You've missed countless hours of sleep through the years repairing storm trouble and we appreciate what you've done. We also appreciate the thousands of telephone calls Mrs. Rothgeb has handled while you were out making repairs."

Mr. Rothgeb, a native of Prince Edward County, joined Vepco in Farmville in July, 1945. He had just returned from Army service in Europe where he received the Purple Heart with cluster and the Bronze Star. After three years in Farmville, he was assigned in 1948 to the Appomattox Serviceman's position.

Succeeding Rothgeb as Appomattox Serviceman will be Ronnie L. Stevens, presently a Vepco Lineman in Altavista. A native of Halifax County, Stevens joined Vepco in Petersburg in 1967 and transferred to Altavista a year later. He and his wife, Gaye, and two children, Scott, age 12, and Karen, age 10, expect to move to the Appomattox area within the next several weeks.

Vehicle Accident Reports To Change on January First

The Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles today reminded motorists that on and after January 1, 1975, the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident will be required to make a written report to DMV if the apparent extent of property damage amounts to $250 or more. Currently, drivers are required to report all accidents involving apparent property damage of $100 or more.

DMV Commissioner Vern L. Hill said that the new amendment continues the requirement of a written report for all accidents resulting in the injury or death of a person, regardless of the amount of property damage.

All reports must be made to DMV within five days after an accident, on forms available at any DMV office or vehicle insurance agency.

Hamel Named To SACS Post

Dr. Dana B. Hamel, Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System, has been named president-elect of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools at the annual meeting in Dallas.

He will succeed Superintendent Bruce Crowley of the Florence (S. C.) City Schools as president of the Commission next December.

Dr. Hamel is the immediate past secretary of the Association's Commission on Colleges and has served on the Commission and on its Executive Council for six years.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the regional accrediting agency for higher educational institutions, elementary and secondary schools in 11 Southern states.

Dr. Hamel has headed the Virginia Community College System since its creation in 1966. Previously, he served as Director of the new Virginia Department of Technical Education, forerunner of the community college program.

He came to Virginia in January, 1963, as Professor/Director of the Roanoke Technical Institute, a division of Virginia Tech, now Virginia Western Community College.

Community Colleges Accredited

Richmond - Three Virginia community colleges were fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools during its annual meeting in Dallas, Dr. Dana B.Hamel, Chancellor, Virginia Community College System, announced.

Now, all 23 of Virginia's community colleges are fully accredited by the regional association.

Admitted to membership (full accreditation) in the regional association were J. Sargeant Reynolds, Mountain Empire and Piedmont Virginia Community Colleges.

The accreditations of four community colleges, Danville, Southwest Virginia, Thomas Nelson,and Wytheville were reaffirmed by the association for 10 years.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the accrediting agency for elementary and secondary schools and higher educational institutions throughout the South. Accreditation means that an educational institution meets the standards set by the association for quality of educational programs, both occupational technical and college transfer, library services, physical facilities, faculty, and other supporting services.

Melvin Childress Wins Gun

Melvin Childress holds 12 gauge Remington shotgun he won during recent Jaycees raffle. Childress says he bought the last ticket and thought he had wasted his money before the announcement was made that he was the winner.

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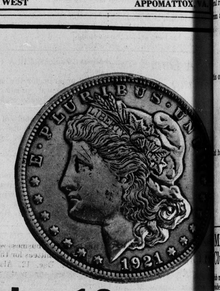

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The Mighty 4 Goes Caroling

[illegible]ighty 4-H Club went Christmas caroling on Thursday, Dec. 19. They went caroling all [illegible] part of Appomattox. Shown above are the people who went caroling. First row: Timmy [illegible], Ernie Chenault, Steve Cobb, Dave Caldwell. Second row: Sharon White, Laurie McLean, [illegible]ngle, Pam Guill, Chiry Repass, Robbie Carter, Ronda Nash. Third row: Tony Ferguson, [illegible] Bell, Tina Doss, Laurie Mitchell, Sharon Guill, Steve Mayberry, Debbie Baldwin and [illegible]ren.

[illegible]hristmas Cards [illegible]rom Long Ago

[illegible] a hundred years ago, Christmas card messages [illegible] to be expressed in rather saint verse. Here are [illegible] reprinted recently in the Illustrated London News.

[illegible] an elaborate card of the 1880's:

Come welcome again,
The King of Seasons all
For Christmas doth reign
With hearty good cheer,
Success to next year
Re-echoes from wall to wall.

[illegible]ne is from a card of 1878:

Happy Christmas to thee, dearest,
Dwelling in thy happy home,
And we wish for thee, how fondly,
Many long bright years to come.
May such friends be thine as ever
Seek thy pleasure as their own:
And if sorrow must come nigh thee
May'st thou never weep alone.

[illegible]here's another:

This now a bright and jovial time
For friends together meeting
But those whom fate doth separate
Must take a friendly greeting,
Then let me hope my missive may
Serve as a welcome token
Of all the loving words I'd say
Could'st thou but hear them spoken!

[illegible]ighty [illegible]lub

[illegible] met on Thurs., Dec. [illegible] President Laurie McLean [illegible] meeting to order. We [illegible] pledge to the American [illegible]. Afterwards Ronda [illegible]retary, read the [illegible] of the last meeting. [illegible]on Guill, treasurer, [illegible] that we had a total of [illegible] and suggested that we [illegible] checking account. We [illegible] the account. Under old [illegible] we decided we would go [illegible] bowling from 6 until [illegible] Dec. 19. Then from 8:30 [illegible] we will have a Christmas party at Sharon Guill's house. After no further business we had to set up committees for the 4-H banquet on Dec. 12. Also we were given our past year's projects back with the awards. We were reminded that in January we would start our club project, Universal Foods. Our first country will be Italy. Ronnie Robinson and Steve Cobb are preparing a skillet of spaghetti to represent the country. After no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Merry Christmas

They Still Speak Aramaic, The Language of Jesus

In the village of Ma'lula in Syria, where the houses of heavy native stone are tinted blue, one would hardly notice the passage of time since the birth of Christ, over 2000 years ago. The people have changed little in dress and habits, and more importantly in their speech. For it is here in Ma'lula, as well as in two other villages in Syria, Jebadeen and Bakhaa, that one can hear the Aramaic language Christ used during His life on earth.

Aramaic was spoken throughout ancient Palestine, and the lands that are now Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, southern Turkey, and northern Iraq. But after the Arab conquest of these lands in the seventh century, Aramaic was gradually replaced by Arabic. In Syria, only those three villages, all in the Qalamon valley not far from Damascus, have preserved the ancient language of Christ to the present day. The population numbers only a few thousand, two-fifths of them Greek Orthodox, another two-fifths Greek, and the rest Moslem.

Philologists of the University of Beirut tell us that while the Aramaic dialect of these three villages has been intermixed with Arabic, the villagers would have understood, and been understood by, Christ and the people of His time.

Naturally, the people of Ma'lula are very proud of their Aramaic language and take pains to keep it alive and flourishing. Many families speak only Aramaic to their children until the youngsters are five years old and must go to school, where they learn Arabic, the national language.

Outside Syria, Aramaic is spoken at Urmia, in Turkey by the Chaldean Catholics of Bartelle in northern Iraq . . . and by the villagers of Malabar in southwestern India. And Aramaic is still used in the liturgy of certain churches which began in the Middle East, such as the Marionites and Syrian Orthodox groups.

Merry Christmas

We rejoice in the sound of the words and the glory of the message: "— on earth peace, goodwill to men." But we do not always feel the meaning in our hearts and put it to work in our lives.

One who did was Henry Van Dyke, the late American clergyman, writer, and poet whose famous "Story of the Other Wise Man" has brought joy and inspiration to thousands of people over the years. Among his writings is a piece called "The Spirit of Christmas," and we think you'll like it as much as we did. We are happy to print it, from us to you:

"We are thinking of you today because it is Christmas . . . and tomorrow because it will be the day after, and so on through the year. We may not be able to tell you about it every day, but that makes no difference, the thought and the wish will be here just the same . . .

"Because it is Christmas" — so many things follow. *"Because it is Christmas"* — the world stands still for a while, in reverent memory of the Christ-child's birth. *"Because it is Christmas"* — we hope anew for peace on earth, goodwill to men. *"Because it is Christmas"* — we resolve that the Spirit of Christmas will stay with us throughout the year.

Of course, the Spirit of Christmas should not be confined to a single day — nor is it. For all those who truly believe in "good will to men" honor it in their hearts and live it in their lives, every day of the year. They cherish the warmth of friendship, the ever-new rebirth of the Babe who lived to teach us peace and love. And though friends may be far away or seldom met, that too "makes no difference" — the steady flow of hope and good will continues to bind together those who put their trust in the power of loving kindness, and in all that we mean by humanity.

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How Santa Claus Became A Christmas Tradition

The tradition of Santa Claus is the giver of Christmas presents comes to us from a fourth century German legend of St. Nicholas (Santa Claus is a German corruption of the name). When St. Nicholas learned of three young women who were unable to attract suitors because their father was too poor to provide them with a dowry, he filled three bags with gold one night and threw them into the windows of the rooms of the young women. Soon after, they were all happily married. Unexpected gifts were thereafter attributed to St. Nicholas.

The myth that Santa Claus descends the chimney to fill the stockings comes from the Norsemen. Their legend tells us that at the winter solstice the goddess Hertha appeared in their fireplaces and brought with her happiness and good fortune.

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, a professor in the General Theological Seminary in New York, put the myth in the form of a poem, "The Visit of St. Nicholas." He invented the sleigh and the reindeer and his description of St. Nicholas was suggested by the appearance of a German man-of-all-work in his employ. The sleigh bells were suggested by the bells on the bridle of his own horse. He wrote the poem for his children in 1822 and read it to them on Christmas Eve of that year. This poem has become the foundation of our own rich American tradition about Santa Claus.

Festive Cocktails For Teetotalers

MOD-FASHIONED: Chilled cola and lemon and lime soda mixed half-and-half. Pour over ice cubes and add orange slices, pineapple spears and maraschino cherries.

The Bible Gives Sheep Deep Significance

Authorities disagree as to what kind of sheep existed at the time of Christ. Three varieties exist in Syria and Palestine today, sprung from the three wild sheep groups still found in Asia.

(1) The Asiatic mouffier, depicted on Sumerian vases from early Babylonia, supposed to have been domesticated around 3,000 B.C.

Lithuanians cover their Christmas Eve dinner table with layers of straw in memory of the night in Bethlehem.

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The word "wassail" derives from the Anglo-Saxon "waes hael" which meant "Be in health." Wassail was a mixture of mulled ale, eggs, curdled cream, roast apples, nuts and spices.

Merry Christmas

NEW TWIST: Chilled orange juice and quinine water mixed half-and-half. Serve as is or over ice cubes.

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